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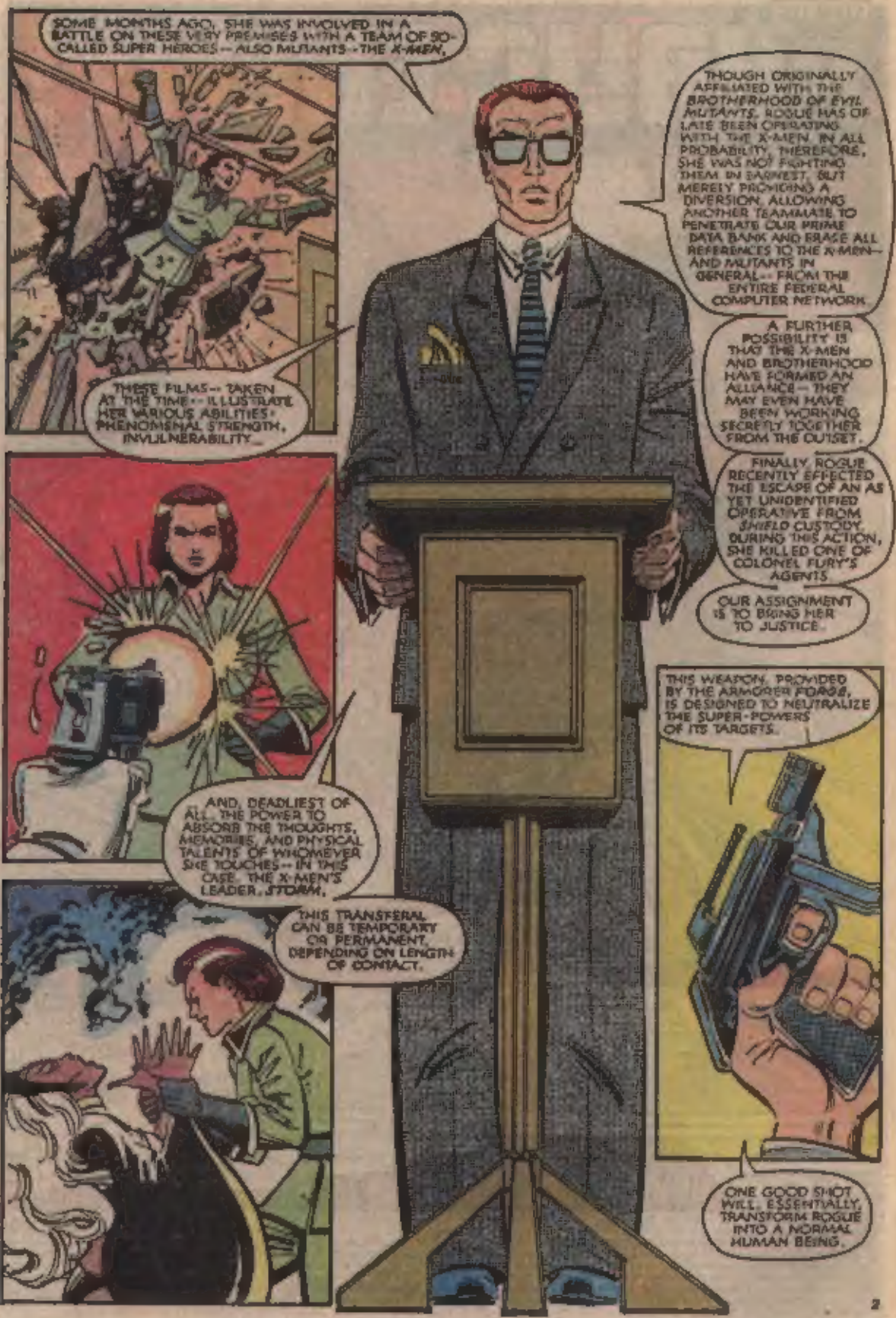
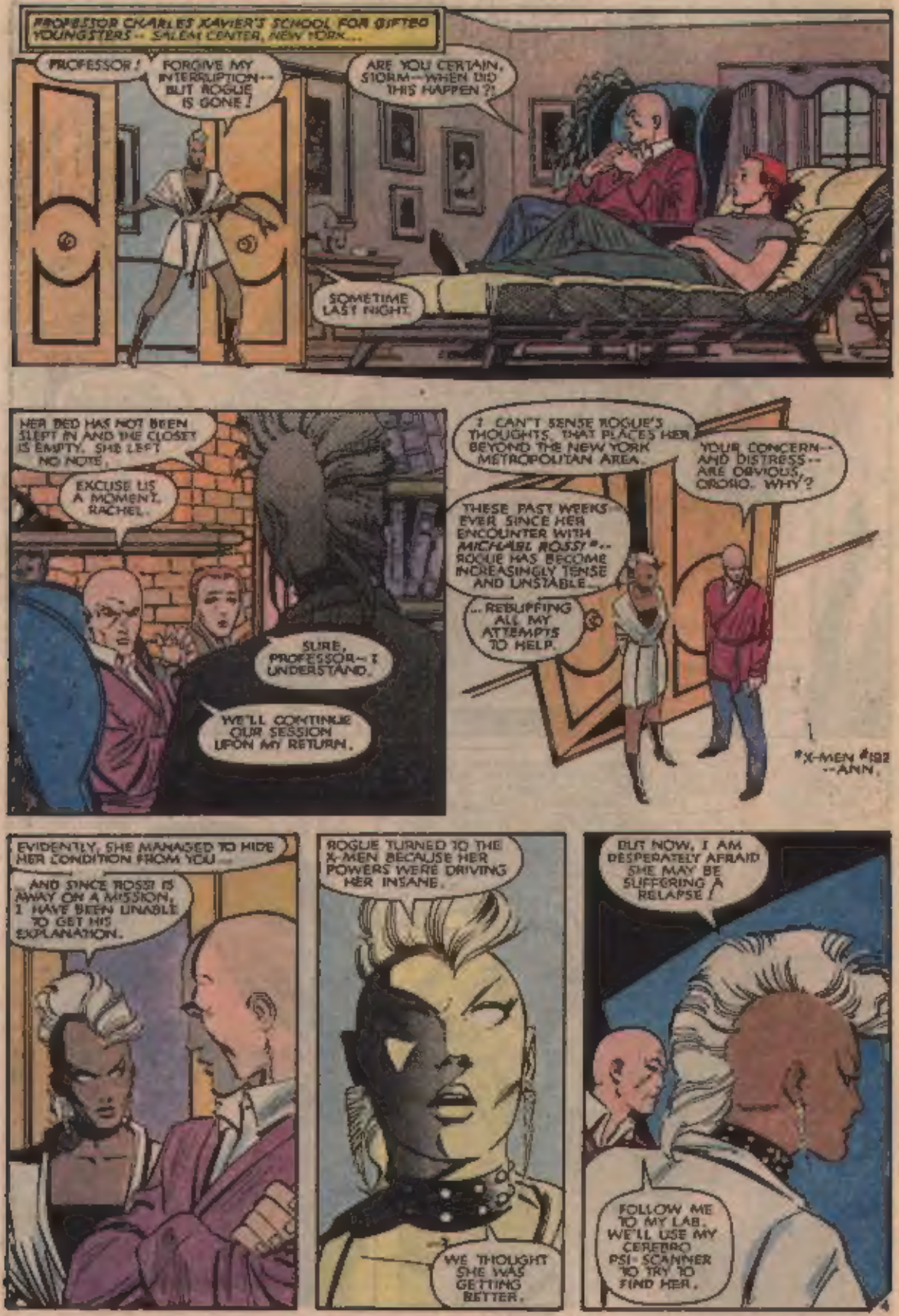
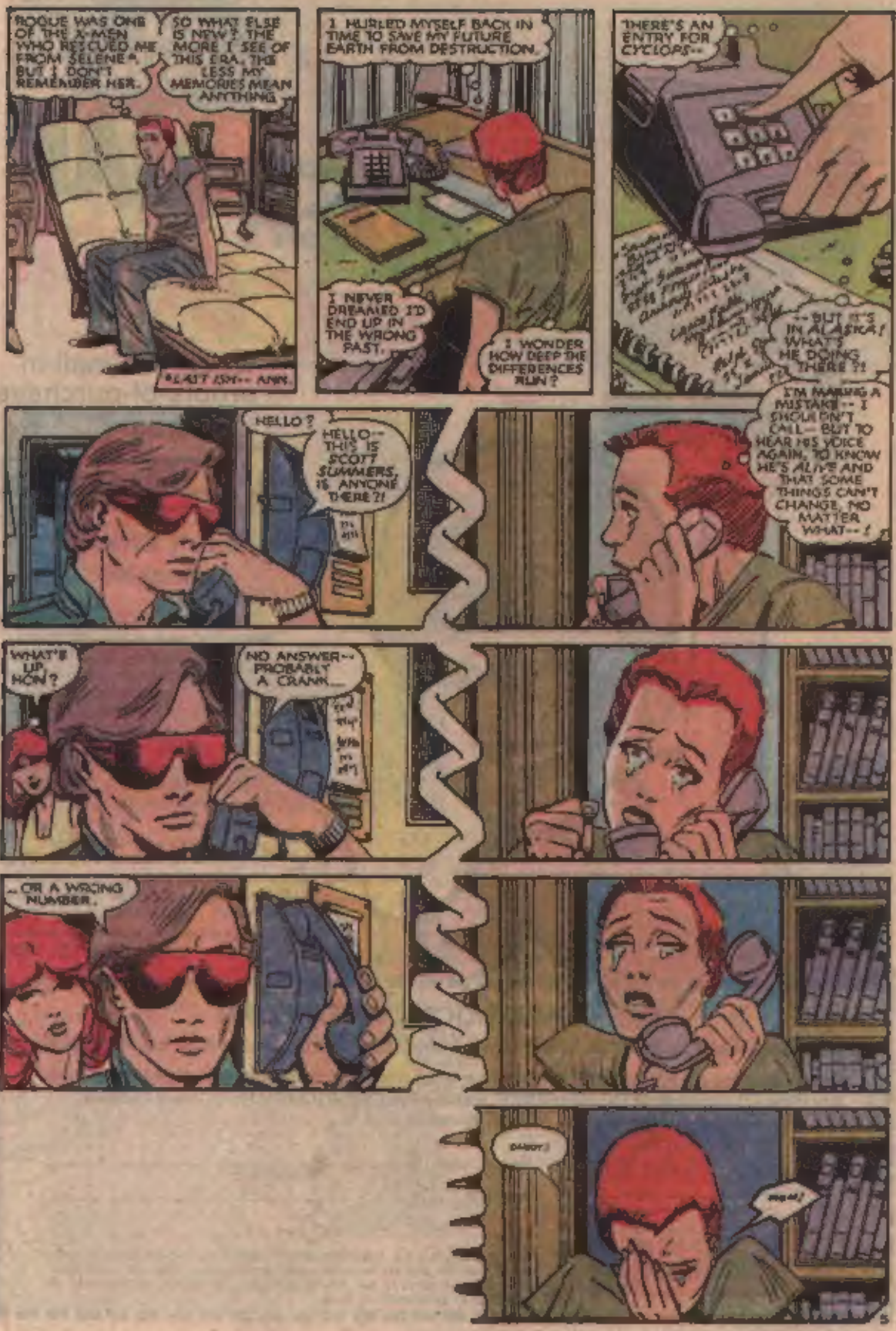

SOME MONTHS AGO, SHE WAS INVOLVED IN A BATTLE ON THESE VERY PREMISES WITH A TEAM OF SO-CALLED SUPER HEROES -- ALSO MUTANTS -- THE X-MEN.
THESE FILMS -- TAKEN AT THE TIME -- ILLUSTRATE HER VARIOUS ABILITIES: PHENOMENAL STRENGTH, INVULNERABILITY...
AND, DEADLIEST OF ALL, THE POWER TO ABSORB THE THOUGHTS, MEMORIES, AND PHYSICAL TALENTS OF WHOMEVER SHE TOUCHES -- IN THIS CASE, THE X-MEN'S LEADER, STORM.
THIS TRANSFERAL CAN BE TEMPORARY OR PERMANENT, DEPENDING ON LENGTH OF CONTACT.
THOUGH ORIGINALLY AFFILIATED WITH THE BROTHERHOOD OF EVIL MUTANTS, ROGUE HAS OF LATE BEEN OPERATING WITH THE X-MEN. IN ALL PROBABILITY, THEREFORE, SHE WAS NOT FIGHTING THEM IN EARNEST, BUT MERELY PROVIDING A DIVERSION, ALLOWING ANOTHER TEAMMATE TO PENETRATE OUR PRIME DATA BANK AND ERASE ALL REFERENCES TO THE X-MEN -- AND MUTANTS IN GENERAL -- FROM THE ENTIRE FEDERAL COMPUTER NETWORK.
A FURTHER POSSIBILITY IS THAT THE X-MEN AND BROTHERHOOD HAVE FORMED AN ALLIANCE -- THEY MAY EVEN HAVE BEEN WORKING SECRETLY TOGETHER FROM THE OUTSET.
FINALLY, ROGUE RECENTLY EFFECTED THE ESCAPE OF AN AS YET UNIDENTIFIED OPERATIVE FROM S.H.I.E.L.D. CUSTODY. DURING THIS ACTION, SHE KILLED ONE OF COLONEL FURY'S AGENTS.
OUR ASSIGNMENT IS TO BRING HER TO JUSTICE.
THIS WEAPON, PROVIDED BY THE ARMORER FORGE, IS DESIGNED TO NEUTRALIZE THE SUPER-POWERS OF ITS TARGETS.
ONE GOOD SHOT WILL, ESSENTIALLY, TRANSFORM ROGUE INTO A NORMAL HUMAN BEING.

GYRICH!!
THIS IS A PRIVATE BRIEFING, DR. DARKHOLME. YOU HAVE NO BUSINESS HERE.
I'LL BE MORE THAN HAPPY TO LEAVE...
ONCE I HAVE FORGER'S NEUTRALIZER!
RAVEN, CALM DOWN!
THIS BLAZES I WILL! THAT PROJECT'S TOP SECRET! GYRICH SHOULDN'T EVEN KNOW OF THE GUN'S EXISTENCE...
MUCH LESS POSSESS THE ONLY FUNCTIONAL PROTOTYPE!
I HAVE AUTHORIZATION, DOCTOR.
IT'S UNTESTED, YOU FOOL! WE'VE NO IDEA WHAT EFFECT IT'LL HAVE--!
THEN THIS WOULD SEEM AN IDEAL OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN.
WHAT--?! VAL -- THIS WAS YOUR IDEA--?!!
I'M SORRY, RAVEN. I UNDERSTAND YOUR FEELINGS-- BUT ROGUE'S A KILLER, AND THIS WEAPON MAY BE THE ONLY MEANS OF SAFELY DEALING WITH HER.
IF IT DOESN'T WORK, WE'RE NO WORSE OFF THAN BEFORE.
BUT IF IT DOES--THINK OF THE RAMIFICATIONS! WE'D NO LONGER HAVE TO LIVE IN TERROR OF SUPER-VILLAINS. ONE ZAP, AND THEIR POWERS ARE GONE. THE THREAT REMOVED.
I'LL PROTEST--!
WASTE OF TIME. THIS POLICY DECISION CAME FROM THE OVAL OFFICE.
LIKE IT OR NOT, RAVEN, YOU'LL JUST HAVE TO LIVE WITH IT.


PROFESSOR CHARLES XAVIER'S SCHOOL FOR GIFTED YOUNGSTERS -- SALEM CENTER, NEW YORK...
PROFESSOR! FORGIVE MY INTERRUPTION-- BUT ROGUE IS GONE!
ARE YOU CERTAIN, STORM--WHEN DID THIS HAPPEN?
SOMETIME LAST NIGHT.
HER BED HAS NOT BEEN SLEPT IN AND THE CLOSET IS EMPTY. SHE LEFT NO NOTE.
EXCUSE US A MOMENT, RACHEL.
SURE, PROFESSOR-- I UNDERSTAND.
WE'LL CONTINUE OUR SESSION UPON MY RETURN.
I CAN'T SENSE ROGUE'S THOUGHTS. THAT PLACES HER BEYOND THE NEW YORK METROPOLITAN AREA.
YOUR CONCERN-- AND DISTRESS-- ARE OBVIOUS, STORM. WHY?
THESE PAST WEEKS EVER SINCE HER ENCOUNTER WITH MICHAEL ROSSI-- ROGUE HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY TENSE AND UNSTABLE...
...REBUFFING ALL MY ATTEMPTS TO HELP.
#X-MEN #192 --ANN.
EVIDENTLY, SHE MANAGED TO HIDE HER CONDITION FROM YOU...
...AND SINCE ROSSI IS AWAY ON A MISSION, I HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO GET HIS EXPLANATION.
ROGUE TURNED TO THE X-MEN BECAUSE HER POWERS WERE DRIVING HER INSANE.
WE THOUGHT SHE WAS GETTING BETTER.
BUT NOW, I AM DESPERATELY AFRAID SHE MAY BE SUFFERING A RELAPSE!
FOLLOW ME TO MY LAB. WE'LL USE MY CEREBRO PSI-SCANNER TO TRY TO FIND HER.


ROGUE WAS ONE OF THE X-MEN WHO RESCUED ME FROM SELENE*. BUT I DON'T REMEMBER HER.
SO WHAT ELSE IS NEW? THE MORE I SEE OF THIS ERA, THE LESS MY MEMORIES MEAN ANYTHING.
*LAST ISH-- ANN.
I HURLED MYSELF BACK IN TIME TO SAVE MY FUTURE EARTH FROM DESTRUCTION.
I NEVER DREAMED I'D END UP IN THE WRONG PAST.
I WONDER HOW DEEP THE DIFFERENCES RUN?
THERE'S AN ENTRY FOR CYCLOPS--
--BUT IT'S IN ALASKA! WHAT'S HE DOING THERE?!
HELLO?
HELLO-- THIS IS SCOTT SUMMERS, IS ANYONE THERE?!
I'M MAKING A MISTAKE -- I SHOULDN'T CALL-- BUT TO HEAR HIS VOICE AGAIN, TO KNOW HE'S ALIVE AND THAT SOME THINGS CAN'T CHANGE, NO MATTER WHAT--!
WHAT'S UP HON?
NO ANSWER-- PROBABLY A CRANK...
...OR A WRONG NUMBER.
DADDY!
MOM!

THE PENTAGON.
ACCESS TO THIS SUB-LEVEL OF THE SPRAWLING COMPLEX IS RESTRICTED BY RAVEN DARKHOLME TO A VERY SELECT FEW.
MORE WORK FOR THE GOVERNMENT. THEIR LOYALTY IS TO HER.
THEY COMPRISE THE BROTHERHOOD OF EVIL MUTANTS, AND RAVEN -- IN HER GUISE AS THE SHAPE-CHANGER, MYSTIQUE -- IS THEIR LEADER.
THESE SECRET, HIDDEN CHAMBERS ARE THE GROUP'S OPERATIONAL HEADQUARTERS.
IRENE!
I WASN'T EXPECTING YOU, BUT I'M GLAD YOU'RE HERE. IT HAS BEEN A BRUTAL DAY.
ROGUE IS IN GRAVE DANGER.
I KNOW.
VAL COOPER AND HENRY GYRICH WANT TO MAKE AN EXAMPLE OF HER, TO PROVE THE GOVERNMENT CAN HANDLE SUPER-CRIMINALS WITHOUT THE AID OF HEROES LIKE THE AVENGERS. FORGE'S NEUTRALIZER MAY GIVE THEM THE MEANS TO DO IT.
WHAT ARE YOUR INTENTIONS, RAVEN?
I'M REALLY NOT SURE.
ROGUE'S POWERS ARE THE CAUSE OF ALL HER MISERY; MIGHT SHE NOT BE BETTER OFF WITHOUT THEM? SHE COULD LIVE A NORMAL LIFE. SHE'D HAVE HER CHANCE AT HAPPINESS.
AND, OF COURSE, BE FREE TO RETURN HOME TO YOU.
IS THAT SO BAD? I LOVE HER AS MY OWN DAUGHTER, IRENE. HER PLACE IS WITH ME. THIS IS MY OPPORTUNITY TO HELP IN A WAY XAVIER CAN'T.
HAVE YOU THE RIGHT TO MAKE SUCH A DECISION WITHOUT ROGUE'S KNOWLEDGE OR CONSENT? SHE IS A GROWN WOMAN, RAVEN, WELL ABLE TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR HER OWN LIFE. THIS CHOICE MUST BE HERS.
YOU'RE THE PRECOG, DESTINY -- YOU CAN "SEE" THE FUTURE --
-- TELL ME WHICH COURSE OF ACTION IS BEST FOR ROGUE.
I WISH I COULD, BUT THESE PAST FEW DAYS, MY PERCEPTIONS HAVE BECOME JUMBLED --
-- AS IF THE VERY FABRIC OF TIME ITSELF HAS BEEN RENT ASUNDER.
I AM SORRY, RAVEN. THE ONLY ADVICE I CAN OFFER --
-- IS THAT YOU FOLLOW THE DICTATES OF YOUR HEART.
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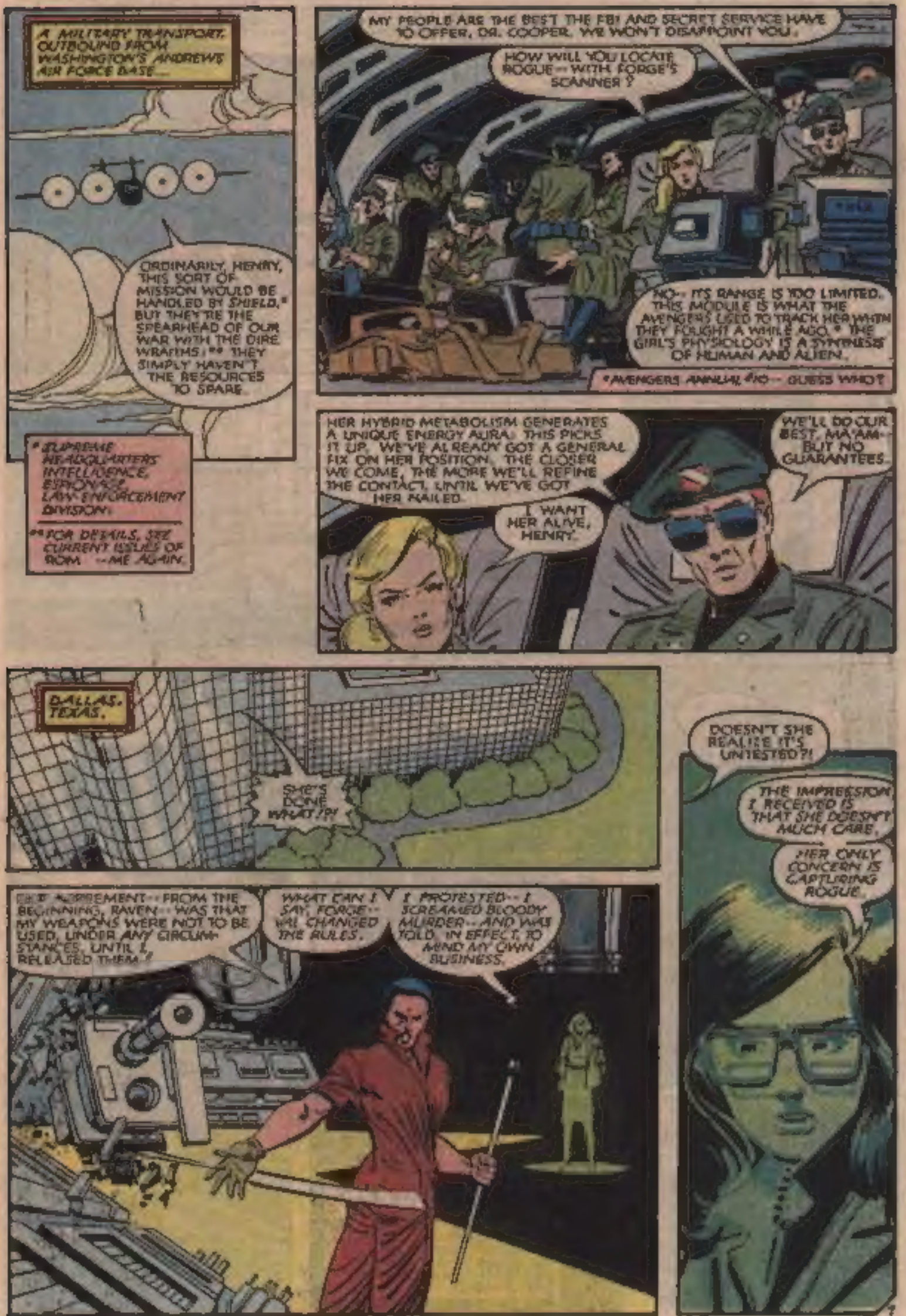
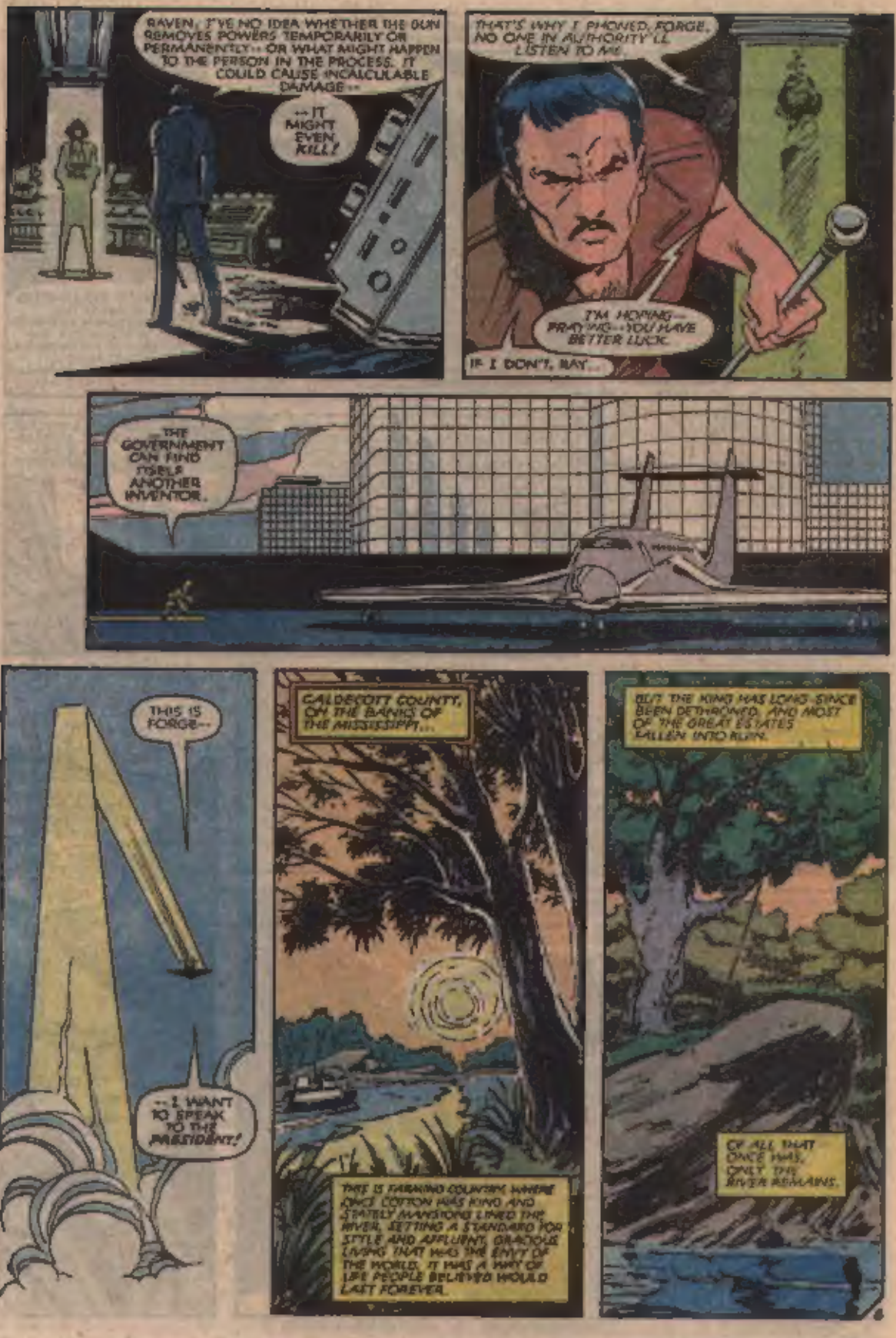
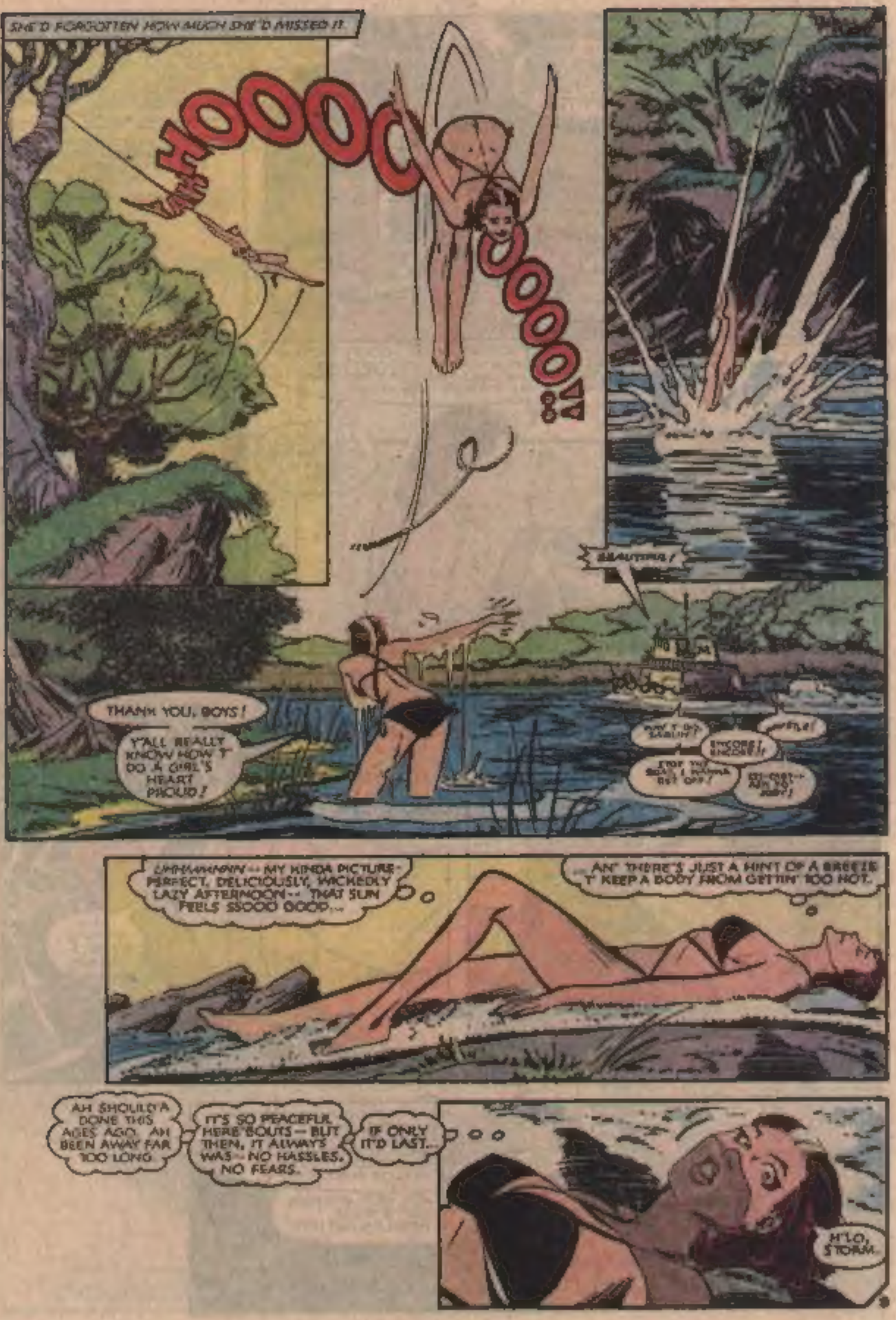
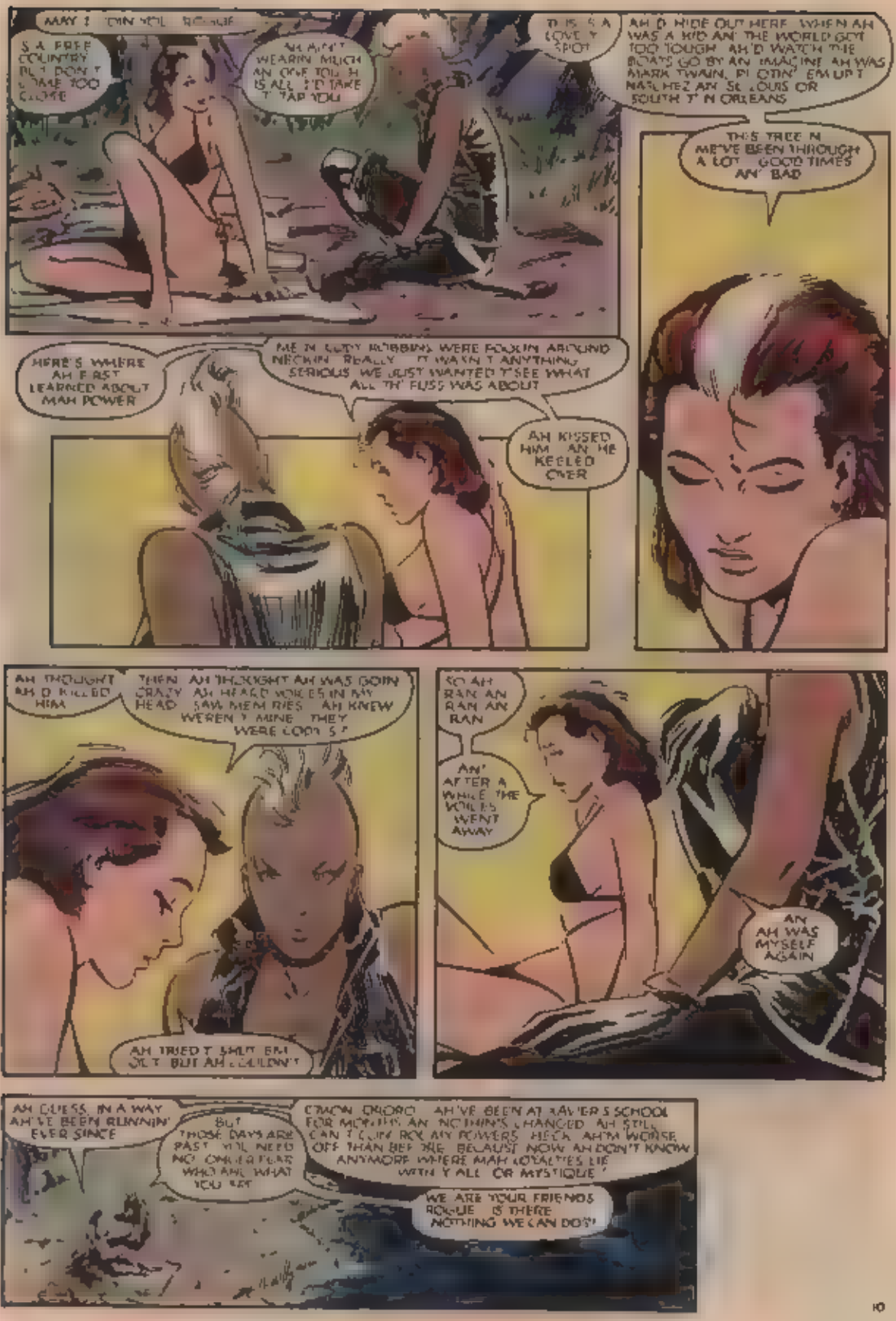
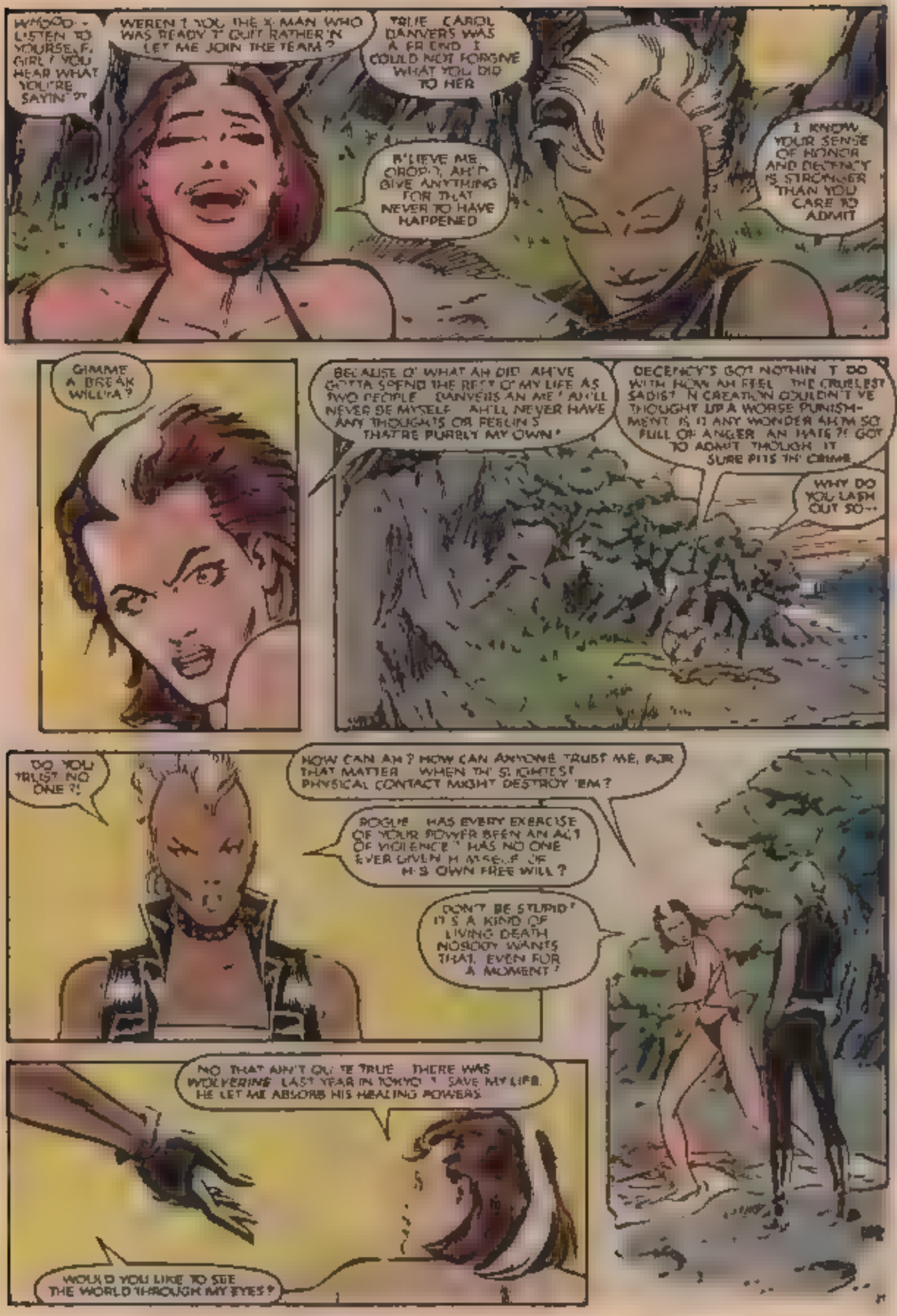
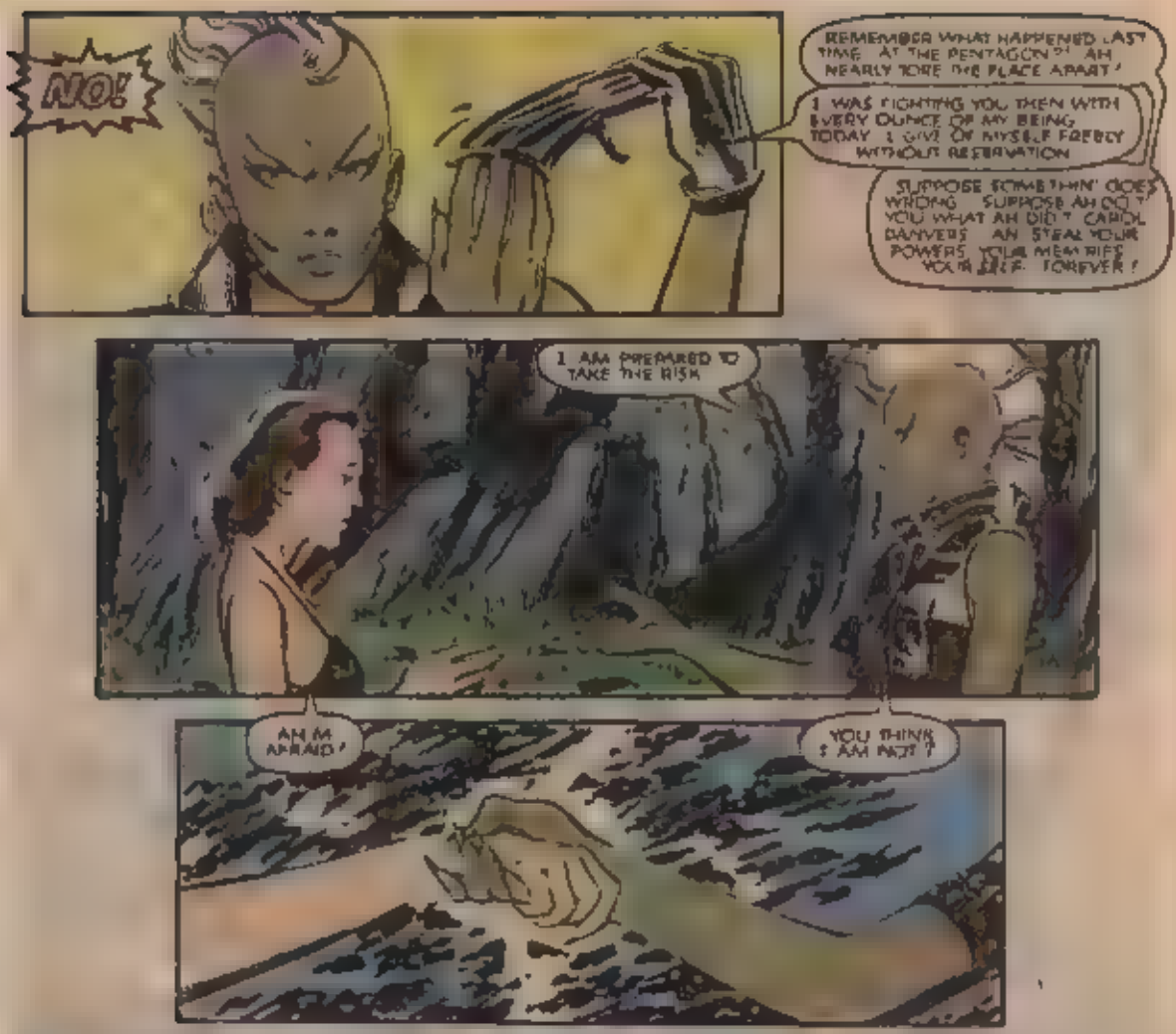

A MILITARY TRANSPORT, OUTBOUND FROM WASHINGTON'S ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE...
ORDINARILY, HENRY, THIS SORT OF MISSION WOULD BE HANDLED BY SHIELD,* BUT THEY'RE THE SPEARHEAD OF OUR WAR WITH THE DIRE WRAITHS;** THEY SIMPLY HAVEN'T THE RESOURCES TO SPARE.
*SUPREME HEADQUARTERS INTERNATIONAL ESPIONAGE LAW-ENFORCEMENT DIVISION.
**FOR DETAILS, SEE CURRENT ISSUES OF ROM --ME AGAIN.
MY PEOPLE ARE THE BEST THE FBI AND SECRET SERVICE HAVE TO OFFER, DR. COOPER. WE WON'T DISAPPOINT YOU.
HOW WILL YOU LOCATE ROGUE -- WITH FORGE'S SCANNER?
NO -- IT'S RANGE IS TOO LIMITED. THIS MODULE IS WHAT THE AVENGERS USED TO TRACK HER WHEN THEY FOUGHT A WHILE AGO.* THE GIRL'S PHYSIOLOGY IS A SYNTHESIS OF HUMAN AND ALIEN.
*AVENGERS ANNUAL #10 -- GUESS WHO?
HER HYBRID METABOLISM GENERATES A UNIQUE ENERGY AURA; THIS PICKS IT UP. WE'VE ALREADY GOT A GENERAL FIX ON HER POSITION. THE CLOSER WE COME, THE MORE WE'LL REFINE THE CONTACT, UNTIL WE'VE GOT HER NAILED.
I WANT HER ALIVE, HENRY.
WE'LL DO OUR BEST, MA'AM -- BUT NO GUARANTEES.
DALLAS, TEXAS.
SHE'S DONE WHAT?!
DOESN'T SHE REALIZE IT'S UNTESTED?!
THE IMPRESSION I RECEIVED IS THAT SHE DOESN'T MUCH CARE.
HER ONLY CONCERN IS CAPTURING ROGUE.
BUT AGREEMENT -- FROM THE BEGINNING, RAVEN -- WAS THAT MY WEAPONS WERE NOT TO BE USED, UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, UNTIL I RELEASED THEM.
WHAT CAN I SAY, FORGE -- WAL CHANGED THE RULES.
I PROTESTED -- I SCREAMED BLOODY MURDER -- AND WAS TOLD, IN EFFECT, TO MIND MY OWN BUSINESS.

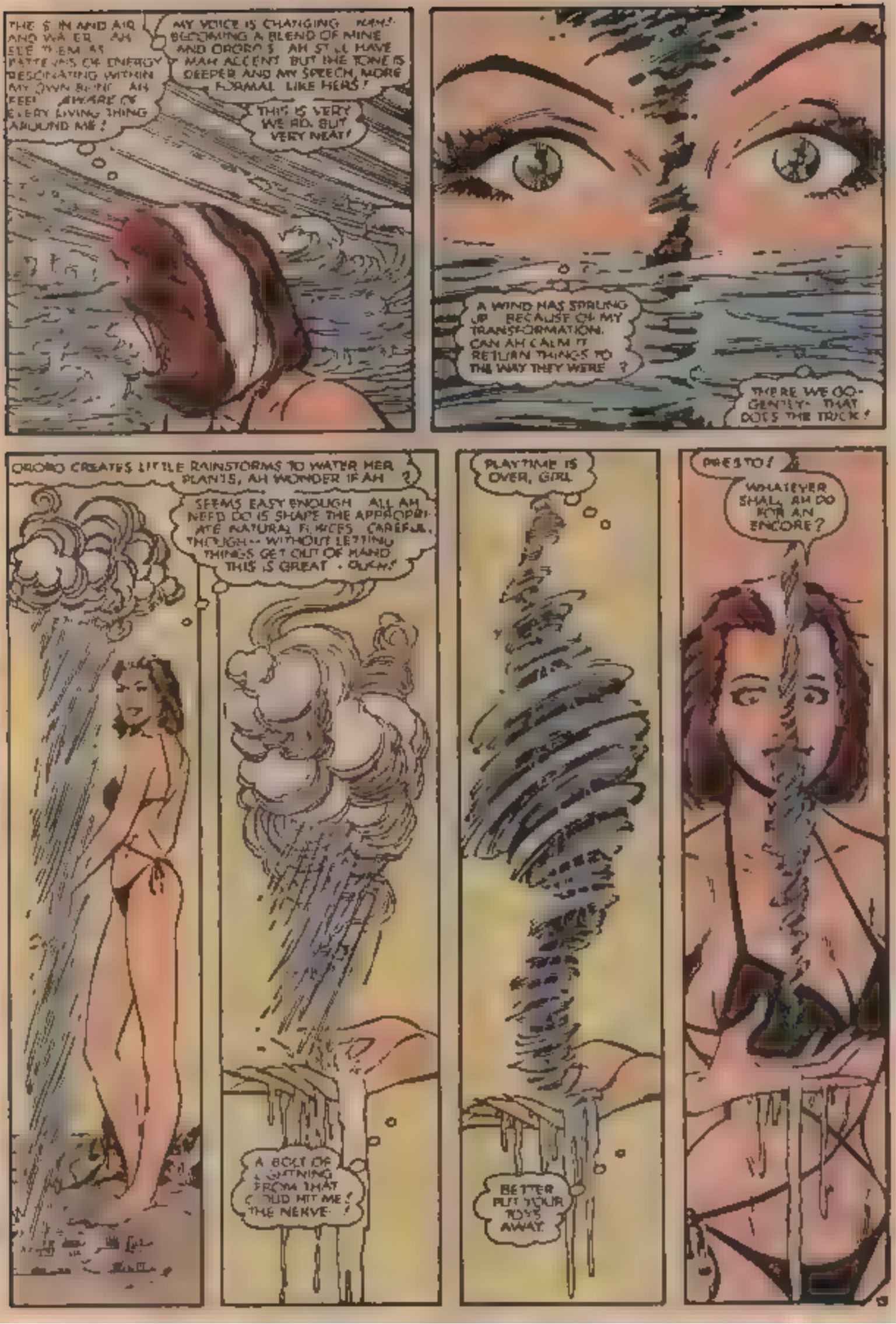

RAVEN, I'VE NO IDEA WHETHER THE GUN REMOVES POWERS TEMPORARILY OR PERMANENTLY -- OR WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN TO THE PERSON IN THE PROCESS. IT COULD CAUSE INCALCULABLE DAMAGE --
-- IT MIGHT EVEN KILL!
THAT'S WHY I PHONED, FORGE. NO ONE IN AUTHORITY'LL LISTEN TO ME.
I'M HOPING -- PRAYING -- YOU HAVE BETTER LUCK.
IF I DON'T, MAY...
THE GOVERNMENT CAN FIND ITSELF ANOTHER INVENTOR.
THIS IS FORGE--
-- I WANT TO SPEAK TO THE PRESIDENT!
CALDECOTT COUNTY, ON THE BANKS OF THE MISSISSIPPI...
THIS IS FARMING COUNTRY, WHERE ONCE COTTON WAS KING AND STATELY MANSIONS LINED THE RIVER, SETTING A STANDARD FOR STYLE AND AFFLUENT, GRACIOUS LIVING THAT WAS THE ENVY OF THE WORLD. IT WAS A WAY OF LIFE PEOPLE BELIEVED WOULD LAST FOREVER.
BUT THE KING HAS LONG SINCE BEEN DETHRONED, AND MOST OF THE GREAT ESTATES FALLEN INTO RUIN.
OF ALL THAT ONCE WAS, ONLY THE RIVER REMAINS.

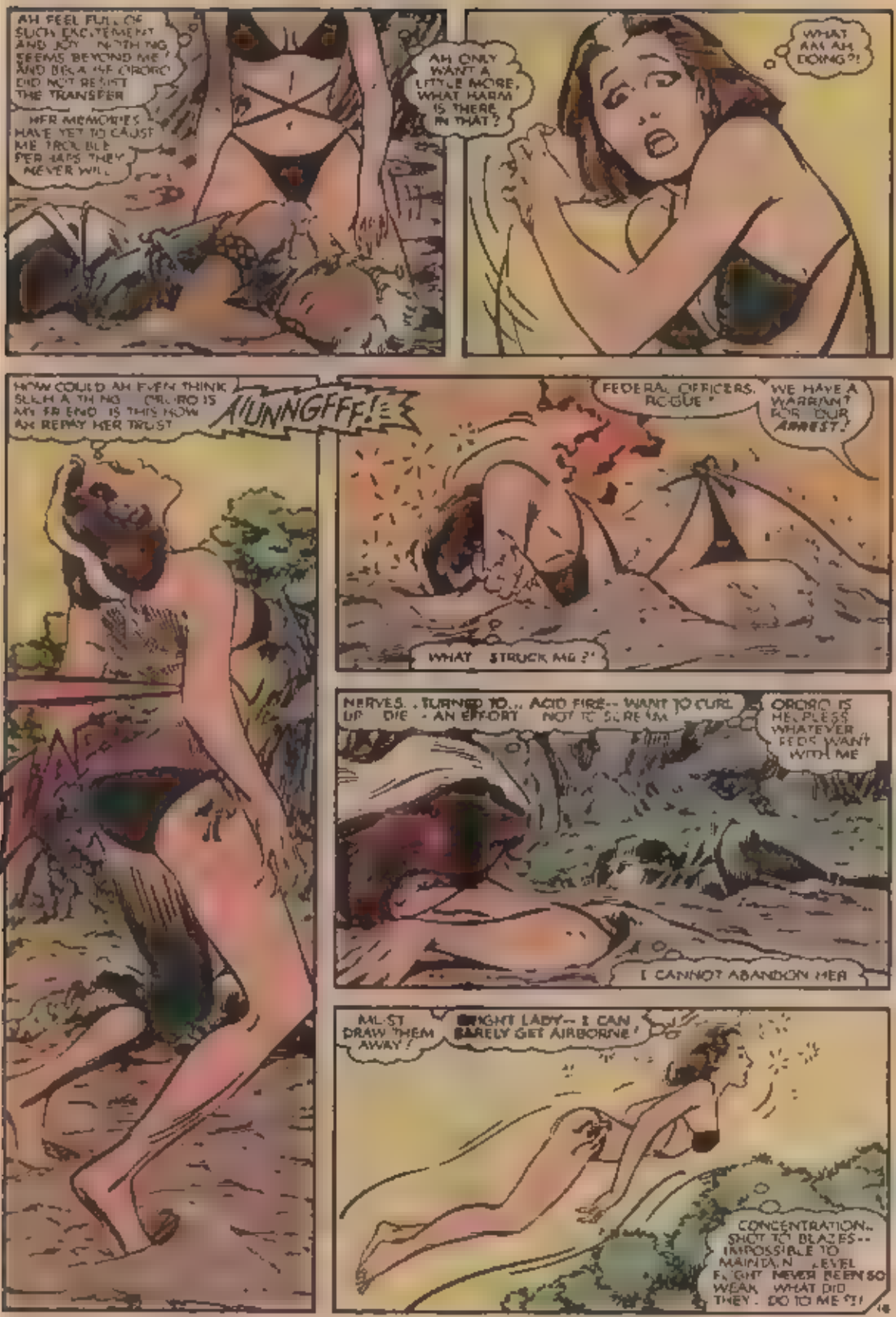

SHE'D FORGOTTEN HOW MUCH SHE'D MISSED IT.
HOOO


MAY I JOIN YOU, ROGUE
IT'S A FREE COUNTRY BUT DON'T COME TOO CLOSE
AH AIN'T WEARIN' MUCH AN ONE TOUCH IS ALL IT'D TAKE T' TAP YOU
THIS IS A LOVELY SPOT
AH'D HIDE OUT HERE WHEN AH WAS A KID AN' THE WORLD GOT TOO TOUGH AH'D WATCH THE BOATS GO BY AN IMAGINE AH WAS MARK TWAIN, PLOTTIN' 'EM UP T NAUCHEZ AN' ST. LOUIS OR SOUTH T' N ORLEANS
THIS TREE N ME'VE BEEN THROUGH A LOT GOOD TIMES AN' BAD
HERE'S WHERE AH FIRST LEARNED ABOUT MAH POWER
ME N' CODY ROBBINS WERE FOOLIN' AROUND NECKIN' REALLY IT WASN'T ANYTHING SERIOUS WE JUST WANTED T' SEE WHAT ALL TH' FUSS WAS ABOUT
AH KISSED HIM AN HE KEELED OVER
AH THOUGHT AH'D KILLED HIM
THEN AH THOUGHT AH WAS GOIN' CRAZY AH HEARD VOICES IN MAH HEAD SAW MEMORIES AH KNEW WEREN'T MINE THEY WERE COOL S'
AH TRIED T' SHUT 'EM OUT BUT AH COULDN'T
SO AH RAN AN RAN AN RAN
AN' AFTER A WHILE THE VOICES WENT AWAY
AN AH WAS MYSELF AGAIN
AH GUESS IN A WAY AH'VE BEEN RUNNIN' EVER SINCE
BUT THOSE DAYS ARE PAST YOU'LL NEED NO ONE TO FEAR WHO AN' WHAT YOU ARE
C'MON ORORO AH'VE BEEN AT XAVIER'S SCHOOL FOR MONTHS AN NOTHIN'S CHANGED AH STILL CAN'T CONTROL MAH POWERS HECK AH'M WORSE OFF THAN BEFORE BECAUSE NOW AH DON'T KNOW ANYMORE WHERE MAH LOYALTIES LIE WITH Y'ALL OR MYSTIQUE'
WE ARE YOUR FRIENDS ROGUE IS THERE NOTHING WE CAN DO?


WHOOO - LISTEN TO YOURSELF, GIRL! YOU HEAR WHAT YOU'RE SAYIN'?!
WEREN'T YOU THE X-MAN WHO WAS READY T' QUIT RATHER'N LET ME JOIN THE TEAM?
TRUE CAROL DANVERS WAS A FRIEND I COULD NOT FORGIVE WHAT YOU DID TO HER
I KNOW YOUR SENSE OF HONOR AND DECENCY IS STRONGER THAN YOU CARE TO ADMIT
B'LIEVE ME, CROP-T, AH'D GIVE ANYTHING FOR THAT NEVER TO HAVE HAPPENED
GIMME A BREAK WILL'A?
BECAUSE O' WHAT AH DID AH'VE GOTTA SPEND THE REST O' MY LIFE AS TWO PEOPLE - DANVERS AN ME! AH'LL NEVER BE MYSELF - AH'LL NEVER HAVE ANY THOUGHTS OR FEELINGS THAT'RE PURELY MY OWN!
DECENCY'S GOT NOTHIN' T DO WITH HOW AH FEEL. THE CRUELEST SADIST IN CREATION COULDN'T'VE THOUGHT UP A WORSE PUNISHMENT. IS IT ANY WONDER AH'M SO FULL O' ANGER AN HATE?! GOT TO ADMIT, THOUGH, IT SURE FITS TH' CRIME.
WHY DO YOU LASH OUT SO--
DO YOU TRUST NO ONE?!
HOW CAN AH? HOW CAN ANYONE TRUST ME, FER THAT MATTER - WHEN TH' SLIGHTEST PHYSICAL CONTACT MIGHT DESTROY 'EM?
ROGUE - HAS EVERY EXERCISE OF YOUR POWER BEEN AN ACT OF VIOLENCE? HAS NO ONE EVER GIVEN HIMSELF OF HIS OWN FREE WILL?
DON'T BE STUPID! IT'S A KIND OF LIVING DEATH. NOBODY WANTS THAT, EVEN FOR A MOMENT!
NO. THAT AIN'T QUITE TRUE. THERE WAS WOLVERINE LAST YEAR IN TOKYO! SAVE MY LIFE. HE LET ME ABSORB HIS HEALING POWERS.
WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE THE WORLD THROUGH MY EYES?

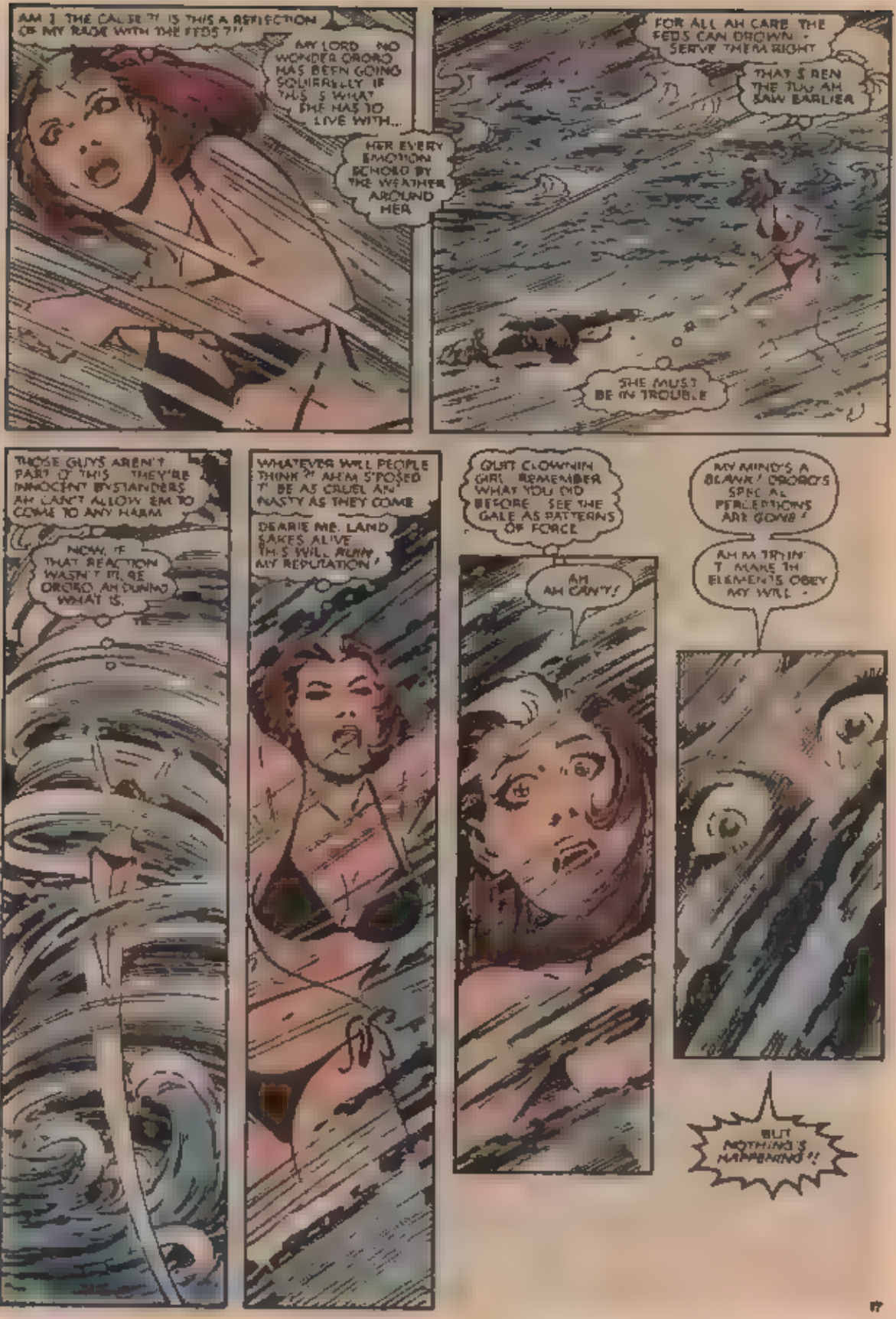

NO!
REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED LAST TIME AT THE PENTAGON?! AH NEARLY TORE THE PLACE APART!
I WAS FIGHTING YOU THEN WITH EVERY OUNCE OF MY BEING. TODAY I GIVE OF MYSELF FREELY WITHOUT RESERVATION
SUPPOSE SOMETHIN' GOES WRONG. SUPPOSE AH DO T' YOU WHAT AH DID T' CAROL DANVERS AN STEAL YOUR POWERS, YOUR MEMORIES YOUR LIFE FOREVER!
I AM PREPARED TO TAKE THE RISK
AH M AFRAID!
YOU THINK I AM NOT?
ORORO!
GOODESS!
I NEVER IMAGINED THE WORLD COULD BE SO BEAUTIFUL!

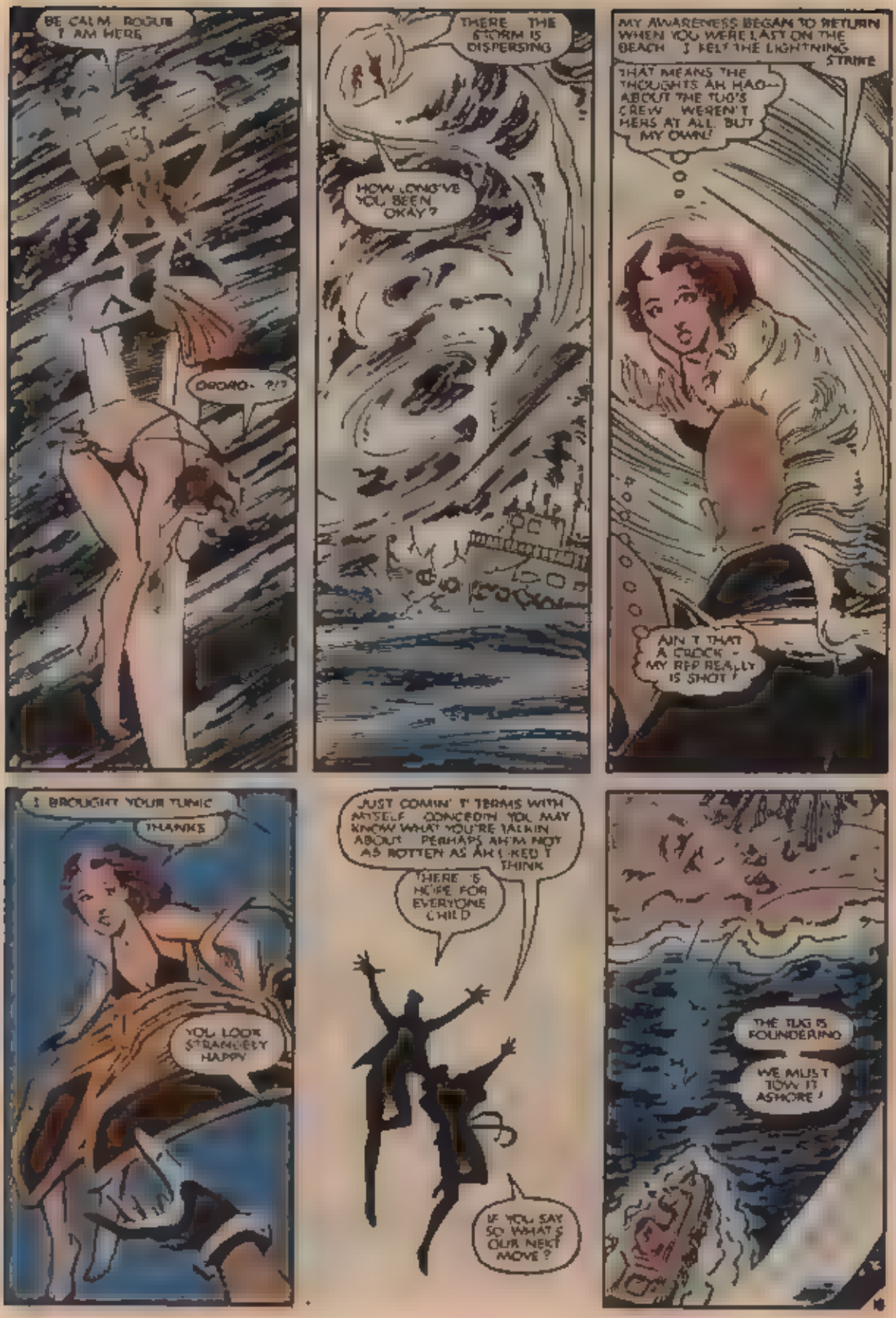

THE SUN AND AIR AND WATER AH SEE THEM AS PATTERNS OF ENERGY RESONATING WITHIN MY OWN BEING! AH FEEL AWARE OF EVERY LIVING THING AROUND ME!
MY VOICE IS CHANGING AGAIN! BECOMING A BLEND OF MINE AND ORORO'S. AH STILL HAVE MAH ACCENT BUT THE TONE IS DEEPER AND MY SPEECH, MORE FORMAL LIKE HERS!
THIS IS VERY WEIRD. BUT VERY NEAT!
A WIND HAS SPRUNG UP BECAUSE OF MY TRANSFORMATION. CAN AH CALM IT RETURN THINGS TO THE WAY THEY WERE?
THERE WE GO- GENTLY- THAT DOES THE TRICK!
ORORO CREATES LITTLE RAINSTORMS TO WATER HER PLANTS, AH WONDER IF AH
SEEMS EASY ENOUGH. ALL AH NEED DO IS SHAPE THE APPROPRIATE NATURAL FORCES CAREFULLY, THOUGH-- WITHOUT LETTING THINGS GET OUT OF HAND. THIS IS GREAT. OUCH!
A BOLT OF LIGHTNING FROM THAT COULD HIT ME! THE NERVE!
PLAYTIME IS OVER, GIRL.
BETTER PUT YOUR TOYS AWAY.
PRESTO!
WHATEVER SHALL AH DO FOR AN ENCORE?


AH FEEL FULL OF SUCH EXCITEMENT AND JOY NOTHING SEEMS BEYOND ME! AND BECAUSE ORORO DID NOT RESIST THE TRANSFER
HER MEMORIES HAVE YET TO CAUSE ME TROUBLE PERHAPS THEY NEVER WILL
AH ONLY WANT A LITTLE MORE, WHAT HARM IS THERE IN THAT?
WHAT AM AH DOING?!
HOW COULD AH EVEN THINK SUCH A THING ORORO IS MY FRIEND IS THIS HOW AH REPAY HER TRUST
AUNNGFFF!
FEDERAL OFFICERS, ROGUE! WE HAVE A WARRANT FOR OUR ARREST!
WHAT STRUCK ME?!
NERVES... TURNED TO... ACID FIRE-- WANT TO CURL UP DIE - AN EFFORT NOT TO SCREAM
ORORO IS HELPLESS WHATEVER FEDS WANT WITH ME
I CANNOT ABANDON HER
MUST DRAW THEM AWAY!
RIGHT LADY-- I CAN BARELY GET AIRBORNE!
CONCENTRATION... SHOT TO BLAZES-- IMPOSSIBLE TO MAINTAIN LEVEL FLIGHT NEVER BEEN SO WEAK WHAT DID THEY DO TO ME?!

THERE'S NO TIME NO STRENGTH TO CLIMB ABOVE THEM!
OWW!
THE BRANCHES HURT!
I SHOULD BE INVULNERABLE THAT ENERGY BLAST MUST HAVE AFFECTED MY POWERS!
THE POSSE!
HEADING MY WAY?
CRUNCH!
I HEARD A CRY LOOK OUT!
THERE SHE GOES!
HOW EXTREME IS THE POWER LOSS?
MY ABILITIES SEEM THE MOST AFFECTED. CROW'S PSYCHE IS GAINING ASCENDENCY. I FIND MYSELF THINKING IN HER FRAME, REACTING AS SHE WOULD.
SUPPOSE THE EFFECT IS PERMANENT? ONCE HER ABILITIES RECEDE I COULD BECOME A NORMAL PERSON BUT IF I LOSE HER POWERS AS WELL...?
SHE'S STILL FLYING!
BUT ERRATICALLY ...THE GUN'S CRIPPLED HER!
KEEP AFTER HER CYRUS! BRING HER DOWN!
I NEED ALL MY SPEED AND AGILITY!
FOR CROW'S SAKE I DARE NOT AFFORD ANOTHER HIT!

SINCE I STILL CONTROL HER ELEMENTAL ABILITIES
I SHALL PUT THEM TO GOOD USE
A SMALL TORNADO SHOULD PROVE SUFFICIENT
HIT THE DECK!
BWHOOM!
UNFORTUNATELY WE ARE!
WHERE THE BLAZES DID THIS MESS COME FROM?!
FIVE MINUTES AGO, THE SKY WAS CLEAR
NOW WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF A FULL FLEDGED HURRICANE!
MAYDAY! MAYDAY! THIS LONGSHOT ANNIE DECLARING AN EMERGENCY! WE'VE LOST OUR MAIN ENGINE AND WE'RE TAKING WATER!
YOW!
LIGHTNING WIND-- RAIN THIS IS A REAL STORM!

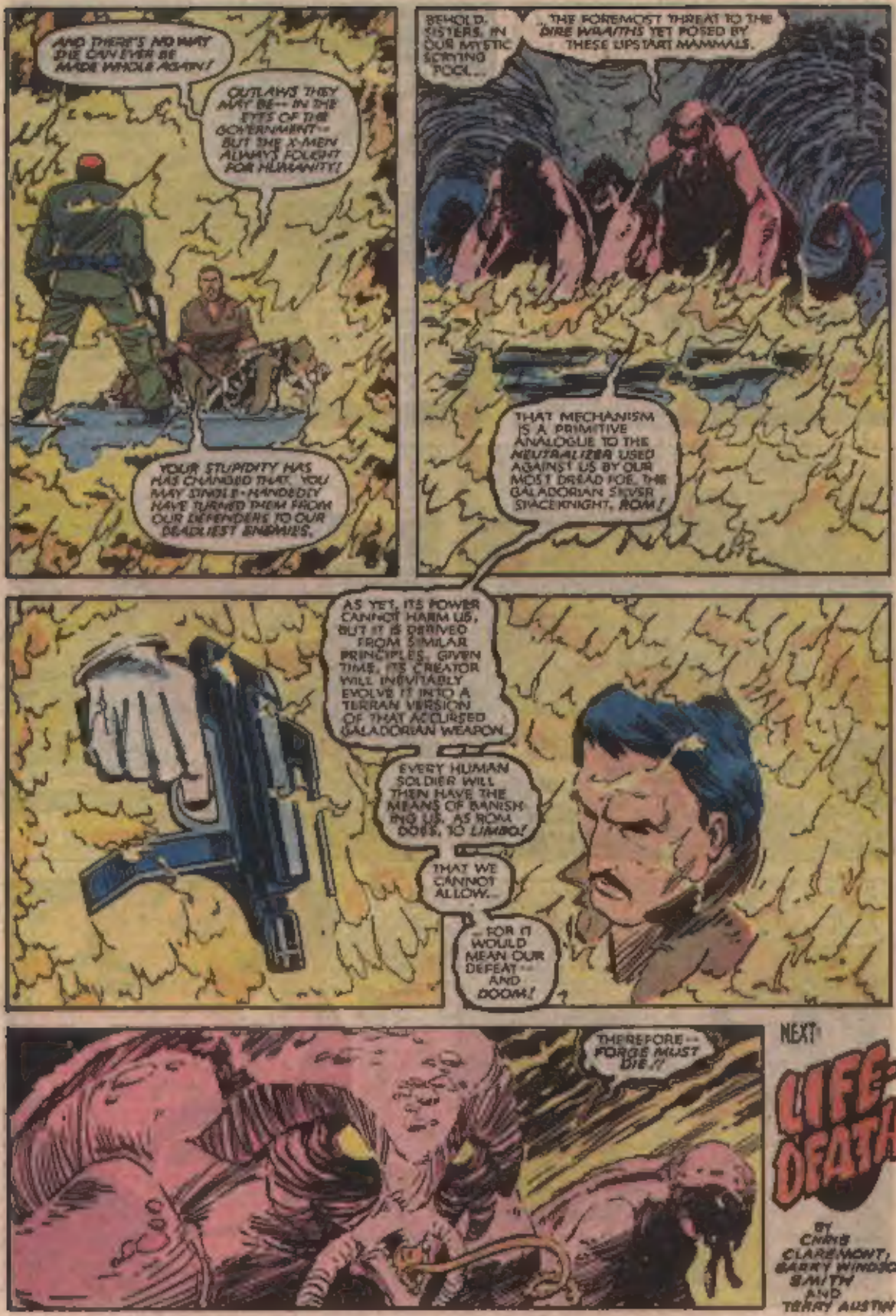

AM I THE CAUSE?! IS THIS A REFLECTION OF MY RAGE WITH THE FEDS?!!
MY LORD NO WONDER ORORO HAS BEEN GOING SQUIRRELLY IF THIS S WHAT SHE HAS TO LIVE WITH...
HER EVERY EMOTION ECHOED BY THE WEATHER AROUND HER
FOR ALL AH CARE THE FEDS CAN DROWN - SERVE THEM RIGHT
THAT S REN THE TUG AH SAW EARLIER
SHE MUST BE IN TROUBLE
THOSE GUYS AREN'T PART OF THIS THEY'RE INNOCENT BYSTANDERS AH CAN'T ALLOW EM TO COME TO ANY HARM
NOW, IF THAT REACTION WASN'T IT, RE ORORO, AH DUNNO WHAT IS.
WHATEVER WILL PEOPLE THINK?! AH'M S'POSED T' BE AS CRUEL AN' NASTY AS THEY COME
DEARIE ME. LAND SAKES ALIVE THIS WILL RUIN MY REPUTATION!
QUIT CLOWNIN GIRL REMEMBER WHAT YOU DID BEFORE SEE THE GALE AS PATTERNS OF FORCE
AH AH CAN'T!
MY MIND'S A BLANK! ORORO'S SPECIAL PERCEPTIONS ARE GONE!
AH M TRYIN' T MAKE TH ELEMENTS OBEY MY WILL
BUT NOTHING'S HAPPENING!!


BE CALM ROGUE I AM HERE
OHOHO- ?!?
THERE THE STORM IS DISPERSING
HOW LONG'VE YOU BEEN OKAY?
MY AWARENESS BEGAN TO RETURN WHEN YOU WERE LAST ON THE BEACH I FELT THE LIGHTNING STRIKE
THAT MEANS THE THOUGHTS AH HAD-- ABOUT THE TUG'S CREW WEREN'T HERS AT ALL BUT MY OWN!
AIN'T THAT A CROCK - MY REP REALLY IS SHOT!
I BROUGHT YOUR TUNIC
THANKS
YOU LOOK STRANGELY HAPPY
JUST COMIN' T' TERMS WITH MESELF CONCERTIN YOU MAY KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKIN ABOUT PERHAPS AH'M NOT AS ROTTEN AS AH USED T' THINK
THERE IS HOPE FOR EVERYONE CHILD
IF YOU SAY SO WHAT'S OUR NEXT MOVE?
THE TUG IS FOUNDERING
WE MUST TOW IT ASHORE!

*FOR THAT STORY, SEE FUTURE ISSUES OF MARVEL FANFARE -- AMN.

GYAH-- DON'T!
ROGUE--
LOOK OUT!
THOOM!
SPLASH!

OH, NO!
OH, NO!
THERE'S STORM! BUT I CAN'T SEE ANY SIGN OF THE OTHER ONE--ROGUE-- SHE FELL IN MID-CHANNEL. THE CURRENT MUST'VE SWEPT HER AWAY.
SHE CAUGHT THE FULL BRUNT OF STORM'S POWER DISCHARGE AND THE SECONDARY EXPLOSION OF THE TUG'S FUEL TANKS. IF SHE SURVIVES, IT'LL BE A MIRACLE.
THE BOAT CREW ARE ALL OKAY, THANK HEAVEN.
TAKE MY HAND, FORGE!
I CAN MAKE IT ON MY OWN, GYRICH. I DON'T WANT YOUR HELP!
I HOPE YOU'RE FEELING PROUD, MISTER--
--YOU JUST SHOT THE WRONG WOMAN!
SHE WAS AIDING AND ABETTING A FUGITIVE!
THEY WERE TRYING TO SAVE LIVES! THEY COULD'VE ESCAPED, BUT THEY DIDN'T!
WHATEVER ROGUE DID, SHE-- AND ESPECIALLY STORM-- ARE SUPPOSEDLY INNOCENT UNTIL *PROVEN* GUILTY! THAT'S THE *LAW*, GYRICH!
ONLY FOR STORM, A TRIAL'S SUPERFLUOUS. THANKS TO YOU, SHE'S ALREADY CONDEMNED!
YOU STRIPPED HER OF HER POWERS! YOU'VE *DESTROYED* HER!!


AND THERE'S NO WAY DIE CAN EVER BE MADE WHOLE AGAIN!
OUTLAWS THEY MAY BE-- IN THE EYES OF THE GOVERNMENT-- BUT THE X-MEN ALWAYS FOUGHT FOR HUMANITY!
YOUR STUPIDITY HAS HAS CHANGED THAT. YOU MAY SINGLE-HANDEDLY HAVE TURNED THEM FROM OUR DEFENDERS TO OUR DEADLIEST ENEMIES.
BEHOLD, SISTERS, IN OUR MYSTIC SCRYING POOL...
THE FOREMOST THREAT TO THE DIRE WRAITHS YET POSED BY THESE UPSTART MAMMALS.
THAT MECHANISM IS A PRIMITIVE ANALOGUE TO THE NEUTRALIZER USED AGAINST US BY OUR MOST DREAD FOE, THE GALADORIAN SILVER SPACEKNIGHT, ROM!
AS YET, ITS POWER CANNOT HARM US, BUT IT IS DERIVED FROM SIMILAR PRINCIPLES. GIVEN TIME, ITS CREATOR WILL INEVITABLY EVOLVE IT INTO A TERRAN VERSION OF THAT ACCURSED GALADORIAN WEAPON.
EVERY HUMAN SOLDIER WILL THEN HAVE THE MEANS OF BANISHING US, AS ROM DOES, TO LIMBO!
THAT WE CANNOT ALLOW...
...FOR IT WOULD MEAN OUR DEFEAT-- AND DOOM!
THEREFORE-- FORGE MUST DIE!!
NEXT!
LIFE-DEATH
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